



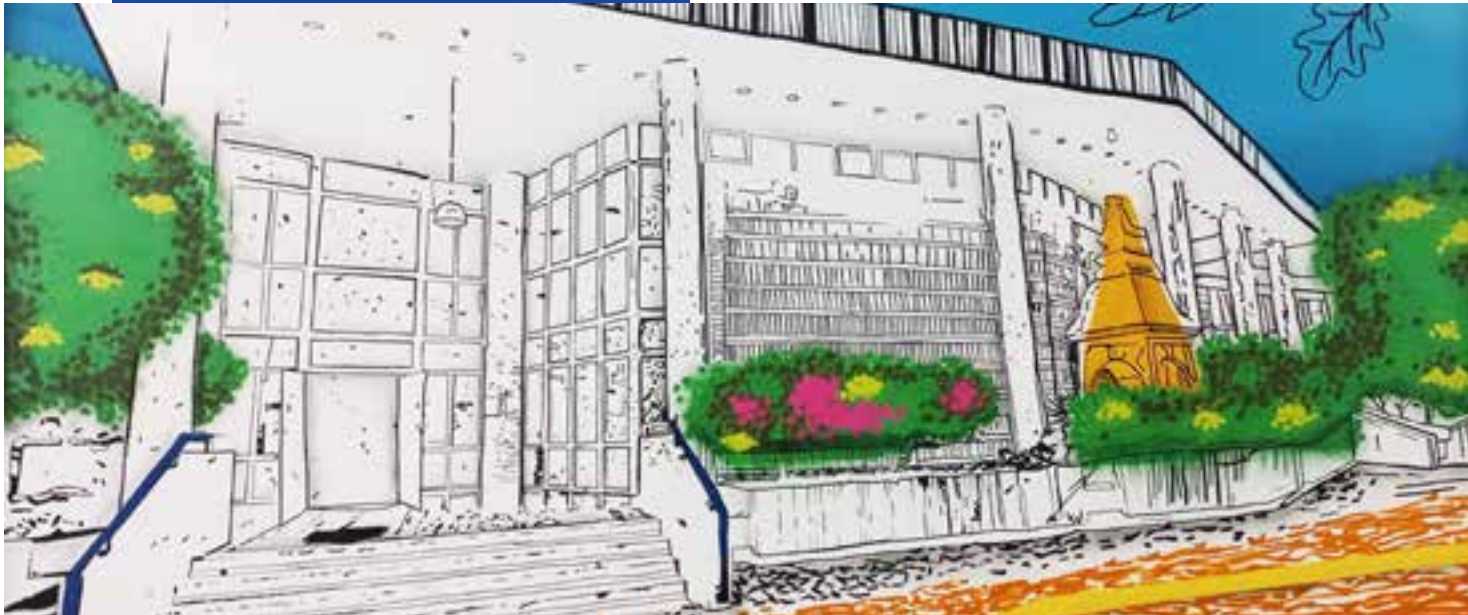
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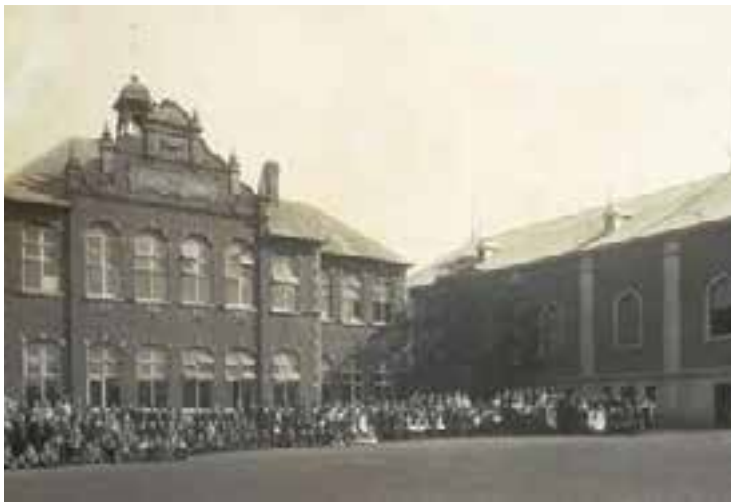
DEUTSCHE  
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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

GLOBAL RECOGNITION



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## HISTORY

The discovery of gold on the Witwatersrand led to an influx of many people to the area, including a large German community. After numerous failed attempts to create a 'German School', Pastor Hermann Kuschke started teaching a student called Ernst Ritter at the beginning of 1890. Within a year this number had grown to over 20.

As the years went by, the German community grew to over 4000 and by 1897 they had raised enough money to build a new school in Hillbrow on land that was donated by Paul Kruger, the former president of the South African Republic.

The DSJ survived numerous political and economic difficulties but by the mid-1960s learner numbers rose to such a level that the facilities in Hillbrow were no longer adequate. In 1969, the school made the move from Hillbrow to its current location in Parktown.

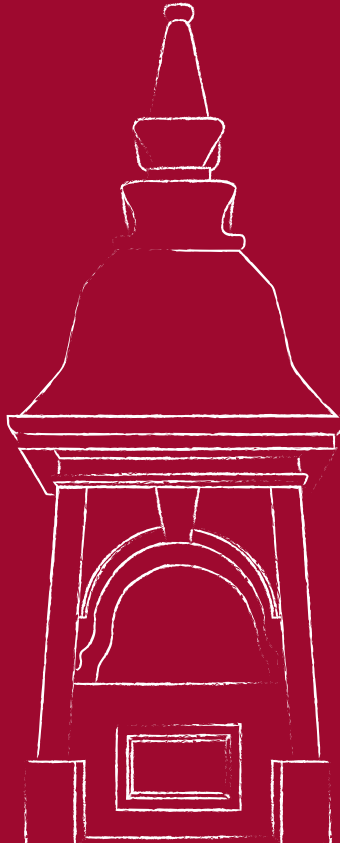
The DSJ is the oldest co-educational school in Johannesburg and in 2015 celebrated its 125 year anniversary.



## VISION AND MISSION

### VISION

The Deutsche Internationale Schule Johannesburg (DSJ) offers young people superior and steadfast preparation for the complex challenges of our global world.



### MISSION

**At the Deutsche Internationale Schule Johannesburg we**

- have continually offered since 1890 co-educational teaching of the highest standards, leading to excellent final results in national, German and international examinations such as the South African National Senior Certificate, the German International Abitur and a German Language Diploma
- welcome all young people, including non-German speakers, who are interested in and would like to learn more about the German language and culture
- educate young people to become self-confident, independent personalities, with critical thinking skills that encourage personal and social responsibilities
- promote academic competence and the development of the individual personality of each learner
- strive to strengthen the inter-cultural sensitivities of our learners by cultivating respect for their own culture and appreciation of other cultures.

# WELCOME

With approximately 1050 learners representing more than 35 nationalities, the DSJ takes pride in its extensive educational tradition, which is aimed at preparing learners for the demands of an ever-changing professional world. The school strengthens learners in their development towards becoming self-assured and independent individuals, while also encouraging critical thinking, which promotes their methodological and social competencies. As per requirements from the German Government, who financially support the school, German is a compulsory subject for all age groups.

In 2016, the DSJ was named the 'Best German School outside Germany' by a panel of judges from the Deutsche Schulpreis Award and 2018, it was again awarded the status of an 'Excellent German School Abroad', both serving as indicators that our learners leave school as dynamic and innovative young adults.



# REGENBOGEN-KIDS

The Regentröpfchen marks the beginning of the journey through the DSJ universe. Our youngest learners, aged 1-3, are offered a warm environment where they are able to explore the German language through play.

At age three, they become Regenbogen-Kids and begin to question, interact and learn from one another. Non-German speaking learners can join the Regenbogen-Kids from age 4 as part of the IK-Phase Programme.



Our Regenbogen-Kids are prepared for primary school in an age-appropriate manner by committed and loving teachers. Every child's German language competence is fostered through the enjoyment of speaking and the strengthening of language.

## **The focus points are:**

- Language Development
- Development of intercultural skills
- Development of musical abilities
- Fine and gross motor development
- Development of aesthetic and artistic skills
- Cognitive development
- Elementary development in natural sciences

## INTEGRATED KINDERGARTEN PHASE (IK-PHASE)

In 2002 the DSJ opened its doors to children of nursery school age who do not speak German.

Learners of the IK-Phase enjoy a unique and comprehensive language programme. In Kindergarten, the learners attend compulsory support lessons in the form of workshops. Extramural activities also offer the learners opportunities to apply and reinforce their acquired German language skills.

In the Primary School, all learners have the opportunity for further language support, depending on their needs. German extra murals are offered and every child needs to take part in at least 2 activities. Games, songs and projects serve to strengthen and reinforce their communication skills.





## PRIMARY SCHOOL (Grades 1-4)

Our Primary School places special emphasis on methods which focus on differentiated education and strengthening personal, social and methodological skills. These skills play an important role for the learners as they make the transition to secondary school.

All subjects which are offered at German primary schools are taught at the DSJ and the curriculum of the German state of Baden-Württemberg is followed. Particular importance is given to the comprehensive language support programmes in daily class work and through diverse educational content. Learners are able to absorb, maintain and expand their knowledge independently.



## **ORIENTATION PHASE AND JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL** (Grades 5-9)

In Grade 5 and 6, learners undergo an orientation phase where they are prepared for the challenges of secondary school. Particular attention is given to the aptitudes and abilities of learners in order to encourage them to think and learn independently.

### **Junior Secondary School (German Home Language Stream):**

Learners are taught according to the secondary school curriculum of the German state Baden-Württemberg and the medium of instruction is almost exclusively German.

### **Integrated Secondary School (ISec) from Grade 5:**

This stream was opened in 1989 and English is the medium of instruction, with German being taught intensively. As part of our Cultural Encounter concept, learners from this stream are taught alongside German Home Language learners in selected classes.

The Integrated Secondary School is open to learners:

- without prior knowledge of German
- with diverse cultural backgrounds and origins
- who pass the entrance examinations

Class trips in Grades 5, 6 and 8 form a major part of cultural interaction where their social skills are enhanced and form an integral part of the educational work at the DSJ.

In Grade 9, up to 20 learners are selected to take part in the annual exchange programme with the Rupert-Neß-Gymnasium in Wangen/Allgäu (Germany) which has proven to be an immensely successful initiative.



## **ENGLISH MEDIUM HIGH SCHOOL** (Grades 8-12)

In 2012, the English Medium High School was added to the diverse list of offerings at the DSJ. This stream allows non-German speaking learners the opportunity to enrol at the school from Grade 8. Learners write the Independent Examinations Board (IEB) National Senior Certificate. German is taught as a second additional language and enables learners to sit for the German Language Diploma I (Deutsches Sprachdiplom I), which requires a bridging year should they want to study in a German speaking country. Entrance examinations are conducted before learners can be accepted.



## **KOMBI AND NSC STREAM** (Grades 10-12)

From Grade 10 the school offers two streams, the Kombi Stream as well as the NSC Stream. Both allow graduates to study in South Africa, Germany and the rest of the world.

### **Kombi Stream**

With this combined bilingual system, learners obtain the school-leaving certificate of the German International Abitur as well as the South African IEB National Senior Certificate within three years. This means that they acquire the most highly-rated university admission requirements of both Germany and South Africa. The German International Abitur is recognised by over 170 countries throughout the world.

### **NSC Stream**

The DSJ is a member of the IEB and graduates of this stream obtain their National Senior Certificate at the end of Grade 12. In addition to this, graduates also complete the German Language Diploma II (Deutsches Sprachdiplom II) which ensures direct admission to German universities.

The successful implementation of the high academic benchmarks is reflected annually in our final examination results where the DSJ has maintained a university admission rate significantly higher above the IEB average.

# THE PHOENIX CENTRE



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The Phoenix Centre is a support facility attached to the DSJ. The centre aims to holistically support and encourage each member of the school community and to be on hand with help and advice.

**Learners:** to successfully complete their school career with a holistic development of their personality.

**Parents:** to answer parenting or pedagogic questions and to help parents support their children in their development and in studying as well as providing support for the parents themselves.

**Teachers and Staff:** to support and encourage colleagues in their work life.



## BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

The DSJ is immensely proud of its high academic standards but the school's offerings stretch well beyond the classroom.

- Homework supervision for Grades 1-8 serves to actively support learners in their learning process.
- Over 40 extra-mural activities including sport, culture and the arts.
- Comprehensive Holiday Care and Aftercare Programmes.
- State-of-the-art facilities including a modern Learning and Media Centre, four fully equipped computer rooms, modern laboratories, Sport Hall, Tennis courts, Football field, heated pool and an acoustically renowned school hall.

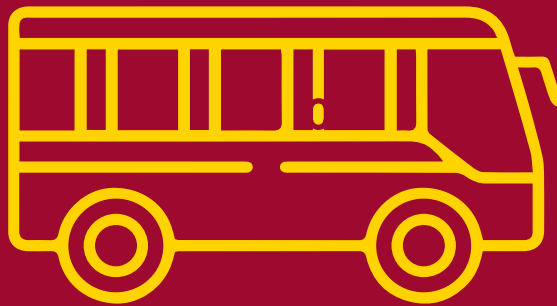




## BUS ROUTES

With a combined total of 19 bus routes, **319 collection points/stops** and **over 500km covered** each day, we make getting to school an absolute breeze with our **complimentary bus service**.

For more information about the exact bus routes, please visit our website.







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